## **NEW MEDICAID PEDIATRIC RESPITE SERVICES**

## **—VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES—**

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DHSS), DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (DMMA) IS HOSTING A VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND UPDATES ON THE MEDICAID NEW PEDIATRIC RESPITE SERVICE.

Effective January 1, 2023, DHSS, through the Medicaid program, will provide respite services for eligible children and adolescents up to age 21, including individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Respite services are defined as services provided on a short-term basis to allow temporary relief from caretaking duties for a child's primary unpaid caregiver, parent, court-appointed guardian, or foster parent. Respite services may be available up to 24 hours a day, any time, and up to 7 days a week and may include support in the home, after school, or at night as well as transportation to and from school, medical appointments, or other community-based activities, or any combination of the above. The types of respite services available are In-Home Unskilled Respite, In-Home Skilled Respite, Out of Home Respite, and Emergency Respite.

This session is a follow-up to stakeholder sessions held in October. Families are invited to attend this session to hear updates on implementing the new Medicaid pediatric respite services and to ask questions. DMMA also asks that interested families submit any questions to <a href="MedicaidInfo@delaware.gov">MedicaidInfo@delaware.gov</a>.

## VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION INVITATION LINK BELOW

DMMA is asking individuals interested in participating to register in advance of the session.

To register, click on the Zoom registration link below to complete the Webinar Registration form.

Monday, December 5—6:30pm-8:00pm: Family Session

Registration Link: <a href="https://mmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://mmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN</a> 4vu8fhpvQreFo876vIzFIg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Closed captioning and an ASL interpreter will be provided during the listening session. If you need additional accommodations, please contact Cindi Powell at <a href="mailto:Cynthia.Powell@delaware.gov">Cynthia.Powell@delaware.gov</a>.